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Dear Sir:

Please amend this application, for which continued examination has been requested, prior to the first Office Action, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 13, 14, 18, 27, 30 and 34; and add new claims 36-68 as follows:

1. (Three Times Amended) A compact currency evaluation device for identifying the denomination of currency bills of different denominations comprising:
- a housing having a depth dimension, a width dimension and a height dimension within which said device is enclosed;
 - said height dimension being about 4 times the smaller cross-sectional dimension of the smallest dimensioned bill to be identified by said device;

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